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London, Dec. 17.

In the House of Commons, in the resumed debate on the Address, Mr. Wedgwood Benn moved the official Liberal amendment, regretting that the King's speech had not mentioned any constructive proposals for dealing with unemployment, and foreshadowed the introduction of tariffs and preference which would increase taxation, raise prices and increase the cost of living, and also hamper industry and reduce employment.

Mr. Baldwin, replying said the Government attached great importance to the constitution of an Imperial Economic Committee. The specific reference to the committee, on which the Dominions had been invited to nominate members, was "to consider the possibility of improving the methods of preparing for the market, and marketing within the United Kingdom, food products of overseas parts of the Empire, with a view to increasing the consumption thereof in the United Kingdom, preferably to imports from foreign countries, and promote the interests both of producers and consumers."

Mr. Baldwin added that the Government intended again to submit to the House all the resolutions of the last Economic Conference, which involved reductions of duty. He adhered to the pledge made in his election speech at Gravesend, that preference would not be used as the thin edge of the wedge to tax food. He hoped to secure an increase of trade with the Dominions by a proposal that the full money equivalent of the advantages that would have been conferred on the Empire in respect of any duties which were not retained should be devoted to schemes for developing the trade of the Empire, and first of all schemes of marketing. He hoped to allocate a million pounds sterling annually to this purpose.

NEW TRADE WAYS.

He thought that with the contemplated economic committee, on which British and Dominions exports would be represented, and with the aforementioned terms of reference, it might be possible to open entirely new and untrodden ways of developing Imperial trade. He hoped these would be of far greater benefit

ARMS CASES.

HEAVY SENTENCES AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

At the Criminal Sessions, which opened at the Supreme Court this morning, the Pusing Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, imposed several heavy sentences on men convicted of being in unlawful possession of arms.

Chan Muk, who was searched on November 22nd, as he was about to board the Star Ferry and who was found to be carrying in his girdle a fully loaded revolver, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour. Nothing was known against the man and he had made no statement.

Wai Kam pleaded guilty to the possession of a revolver which was secured in a basket of salt fish he was carrying when arrested. In view of the fact that the revolver was an old one, was unloaded and that there was no evidence that the man intended to use it, a sentence of only five years' hard labour was passed.

Tsang Lap-chung, who was arrested on December 4th, in the village of Sai Kam, near Sha-tokok, New Territories, with a fully loaded automatic pistol and some spare rounds, pleaded guilty and also admitted that he was sentenced for ten years in 1921 and had thereby committed a

U.S. AND GERMANY.

COMMERCIAL TREATY OPPOSED.

Washington, Dec. 17.

Consequent on strong opposition in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to the proposed commercial treaty with Germany, a sub-committee has been designated to confer with Secretary Hughes with a view to certain modifications in the draft.

Reuter's American Service.

breach of the Deportation Ordinance. The man was sentenced to seven years' hard labour on the arms charge and to two years' hard labour on the deportation charge—nine years in all.

A lance-corporal in the 2nd Division of the Yunnanese Army and a native of Kiangsu, named Kung Wing chun, pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing one Mauser pistol and one revolver on November 25th. The man said he had brought the arms down to sell in order to get enough money to pay for his passage back to his native home. He did not intend to use them. In this case also a sentence of seven years' hard labour was passed.

In all the above cases, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) prosecuted.

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Tremendous interest is already being aroused in the *Telegraph* Motor Car Competition, the preliminary announcement of which was made yesterday. As we then stated, the first prize will be a 1925 special model five-passenger Dodge motor-car, with second and third prizes of a handsome gramophone and a new typewriter respectively.

The Competition begins on Monday, 22nd instant, when the coupon will appear for the first time, and when full details thereof will be given. It is a simple contest, open to everybody, all that is necessary being the collection of coupons which will appear daily up to April 25th, 1925, the result to be announced on May 1st. The competitor sending in most coupons will be presented with the motor-car.

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DR. SUN REFUTED.

BY AMERICAN MINISTER.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

A hopeful speech was delivered by Dr. Schurman, United States Minister, at a dinner last evening, when he refuted Sun Yat-sen's declarations in his interview in Japan that America had officially proposed to Japan to support Wu Pui-fu, or had expressed preference as regards what leaders should undertake the government of China. The fundamental policy of America towards China had been one of sympathy with and friendship to the Chinese. America did not possess or desire one foot of Chinese territory. The American people believed that the Chinese were capable of setting up and maintaining a Government which would render the restrictions devised for the protection of foreign lives and property gradually unnecessary. Regarding extra-territoriality, the American view was that repeal should come with the establishment of a stable and effective Chinese Government exercising jurisdiction over the provinces generally. He believed that the time was approaching for a commission of jurists to meet, and the Government of the United States were desirous that the commission should be convened at the earliest practicable moment. America also hoped that the treaty embodying the two and a half per cent. surtax, which was not yet ratified by all the Powers, might be speedily ratified, and that a meeting of the special conference to levy the surtax be held in the near future. —Daily Bulletin.

"COCKCHAFER" AFFAIR.

BROUGHT UP IN PARLIAMENT.

THE COMMANDER VINDICATED.

London, Dec. 17.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. G. Lansbury with regard to the Commander of H.M.S. Cockchafer threatening to bombard Wanshan unless Mr. Hawley's murderers were dealt with, Mr. W. O. Bridgman said the report on this affair had been received from the Commander of the Cockchafer through the Naval Commander-in-Chief on the China Station, from which, and from other reports, it was clear that the pressure put by the Commander on the local authorities was entirely justified, also that the trial was held in accordance with Chinese law, and there was no reason to doubt that the men who were sentenced to death were primarily responsible for the murder of Mr. Hawley.

Mr. Bridgman added that he was not prepared to publish the report. He said the matter had occurred a long time ago, and he thought we knew enough about it. —Reuter.

CHINA INDEMNITY COMMITTEE.

A MATTER OF QUALIFICATION.

London, Dec. 17.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. A. Ponsonby, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said, "the invitations to the Hon. Bertrand Russell and Mr. Dickinson to serve on the Boxer indemnity committee had been cancelled because reconsideration showed that the composition of the committee, which it was important to keep numerically small, was insufficiently representative, and did not include any member with practical experience of the educational organisation of China."

Mr. Ponsonby asserted that both gentlemen concerned were well qualified, and they had been excluded because of their being associated with the Labour Party. (Labourite cheers.)

Mr. Chamberlain said he was not anxious to discuss their qualifications unless Mr. Ponsonby forced him to do so. —Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

THIRD LEAGUE MATCHES.

London, Dec. 17.

In the northern section of the third division of the English soccer "League," Darlington beat Southport 2 goals to one, and Bradford beat Ashington by 7 to one. —Reuter.

CUP TIE REPLAY.

London, Dec. 17.

In the Cup replay, Westmouth were beaten by Bristol Rovers, by 2 goals to nil.

Bristol Rovers have now to meet Bristol City in the competition proper. —Reuter.

THE TRIUMPHAL PROGRESS.

London, Dec. 17.

The "All Blacks" defeated Hampshire in a "rugger" game at Portsmouth, by 22 points to nil. —Reuter.

SERVICE SECRETS.

AMERICA TAKING ACTION.

Washington, Dec. 17.

The Secretary to the Navy has ordered a naval court of inquiry to investigate the unauthorized publication of information valuable to possible enemy countries. He states that although the Navy Department does not contemplate any general muzzling of Navy officers, it is determined to prevent the spreading of information of military value. —Reuter's American Service.

QUARRY BAY SCHOOL.

INTERESTING REVIEW OF PROGRESS.

The first annual prize distribution of the Quarry Bay School, held at the Taikeo Club, this morning was well attended, those present including Mrs. J. Reid, who graciously distributed the prizes to the children, Mr. E. Galpin, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. D. Tompkinson and Mrs. Chapman.

THE SCHOOL REPORT.

The headmistress, Mrs. J. Reid, reporting the progress of the school during the eight months of its existence said:—

Quarry Bay School was opened on the 28th April of this year. It was housed in temporary premises belonging to the Taikeo Duckyard management and since the opening of the school the management has been extremely good to us and has helped us in every possible way. When the school opened there were 33 children enrolled, a staff of two teachers and two visiting teachers. Those occupied two classrooms. At the present time there are 48 children enrolled, the staff consists of four fully qualified, experienced teachers and two visiting teachers. A new Infant Room has been acquired and we hope soon to be in possession of a fourth room open over by Class 8.

The arrangement of Classes will then be as follows—Class 5 (13 children) to be taken by the Head Mistress, Classes 6 and 7 (11 children) to be taken by Mrs. Sanders; Class 8 (10 children) to be taken by Miss Brannan; and the Infant Department (14 children) which will be in the charge of Miss Fraser. I should like at this point to emphasise the importance of sending children to school as early in life as possible. With the introduction of individual apparatus and the new knowledge of the psychology of the infant mind, it is perfectly safe to send children to school at the age of four. Indeed, in a place like Hongkong, where there is so much coming and going, it is of great importance that the child should go to school early, especially as you have at Quarry Bay School specialists in such work.

The School is conducted on what is known as the Directed Individual Method. I hope to explain this method to you more fully at future Parents' meetings. For the moment I would like to ask you this: Do you not find your children more self-reliant, more capable, more ready to interest and amuse themselves in odd moments? Do you not find them more intelligent, eager to know, with wider interests? I am sure you do. All these things are very apparent at school, the children tackle their work cheerfully, are ready to overcome difficulties and have a far greater capacity for taking pains. These are all points of vital importance in true education. They are the basis of a sound moral character, without which can be no real education.

I should also like you to understand that although your child may be put in a certain class at the commencement of the year, he or she will not necessarily remain in that class. Promotions to a higher class may take place as soon as difficulties in certain subjects are overcome. Here again I would wish to emphasise what I have said before. We do big that parents will have perfect confidence in the teachers. Each child is carefully studied by us. We try to know his physical and mental capacity. May we ask you to believe that our years of training and experience have given us at least a little insight into these matters? We know what each child is capable of doing and we know how to see that he does it.

In reviewing the life of the school since its commencement, I think I may say that there has been steady progress. We have had difficulties, but we have been so kindly helped by the Education Department, by the Dockyard Management and in many cases by the parents themselves that we have come safely and happily through and are now beginning to be both in letter and spirit, a school—where all have a fine sense of esprit de corps where the boys are becoming manly in the true sense of the word, where the girls are becoming sensible and sweet, where all are glimpsing the possibilities of life lived well and fully, and, lastly, and lying at the root, a staff fully united in aims, ideals and service.

ATTACK ON TWO LADIES.

EXCITING STRUGGLE LAST NIGHT.

ROBBER GETS NINE MONTHS.

The fate overtaking a pastry cook who left his usual employment to take up for one night the role of a robber was vividly told at the Police Court this morning in the case in which a Chinese was convicted and sentenced to nine months' hard labour for attempted robbery and assault on two ladies.

The incident happened shortly after nine o'clock last night in that section of Ice House Street familiarly known as "Brokers' Alley." Deterred neither by the bright light thrown by an arc lamp overhead, nor by the presence of two watchmen, the robber, who was a man of powerful build, attempted to snatch handbags carried by Mrs. Daisy Mendes and her daughter Nora. When the older woman resisted, the man clutched at her throat. Somewhere a police whistle sounded and the desperado let go his hold to seek safety in flight. Running up the street into Queen's Road, he found his way barred by an Indian constable in plain clothes, who used his stick to such good purpose that the fugitive was compelled to double on his track, only to find the other outlet from the street barred by another Indian policeman and quite a number of

pedestrians, including Revenue Officer Ward. The man swerved and ran under the verandah. Without knowing that the other end was blocked by timbers, he ran into the alley between Powell's Building and the new building in course of construction, and was trapped. In the dark he stumbled over an unseen object and fell heavily. The Indian, who was following closely on the robber's heels, likewise fell, and a violent struggle ensued. Revenue Officer Ward having to knock the man almost out before the latter was overpowered and handcuffed.

In evidence at the Police Court this morning, the Indian policeman who was responsible for the prisoner's capture paid a tribute to the strength of his captive. He lost a wrist watch during the struggle, and this had not been recovered.

The prisoner told the Court that he was hurrying to catch a tram when he found himself chased. Then, because he was being gravely assaulted, he ran blindly away from the Indian.

Mr. N. L. Smith registered a conviction and in passing sentence said that six months of this were for assault and the remainder for attempted robbery.

BOWEN ROAD ROBBERY.

SEVEN-YEAR SENTENCES.

Two of the three Chinese attendants at the Bowen Road Military Hospital, who were concerned in an attack and robbery on a Chinese man and five women on Bowen Road on November 5th, pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The men were named Pang Fat and Lo Kwai and appeared in the dock in their military uniforms.

It will be remembered that the prisoners attacked the party and robbed the man and women of a considerable quantity of jewellery. Three men were concerned but one of them escaped.

Mr. Justice Gompertz told the prisoners that it was a very serious matter for two men such as they, in good employment, to attack and rob their fellow countrymen. He sentenced them to seven years' hard labour each.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith appeared for the Crown.

LOCAL MURDER.

OLD WOMAN GONE TO DEATH.

In a lonely spot in Taishikoo, on the other side of Lyceum Pass, a murder has been revealed by the discovery of the dead body of an old woman. A number of cuts on the head showed how she met her death on the forenoon in front of the hut in which she lived.

The woman's name is given as Chan Ling-po. She lived a solitary life alone in a thatched, being rarely visited by callers. It is thought that robbery was the motive of the crime.

The remains were taken to the Kowloon Mortuary yesterday.

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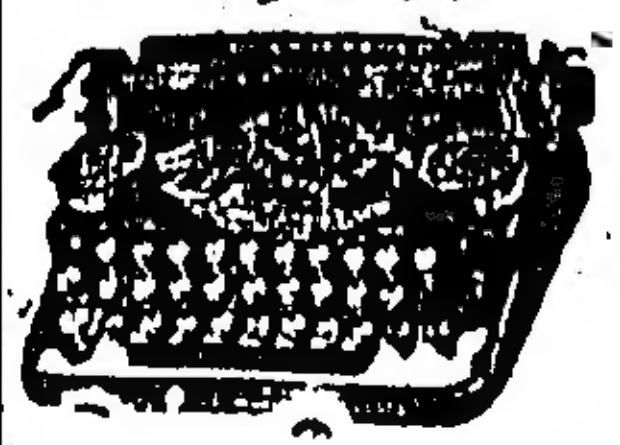
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ARAB LADY'S ACTION.

INTERESTING CASE AT
SINGAPORE.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Singapore, Dec. 17.
An Arab lady is suing her father
in the Supreme Court, alleging
fraud in respect of her late
husband's estate in the Netherlands
Indies, of which the father was
acting-executive. The plaintiff
appeared in Court to give evidence,
closely veiled in a red tudong and
kepalah.The case is being followed closely
here. The language difficulty is
acute, witnesses speaking in in-
different Malay and two transla-
tions being necessary.The case is proceeding, evidence
being taken.

POLICE REWARDS.

BOMB OUTRAGE
RECALLED.The police are offering a reward
of \$1,000 for information regarding
the whereabouts of the would-be
assassin, who threw a bomb at
General Hogg, Shiu-lung at Kow-
loon City on the 26th. October.
Notices to this effect have been
posted in different parts of the
city.The outrage took place at Cheung
On Street. The General, who has
figured prominently in the political
affairs of Kwongtung and latterly
of Swatow, was walking with mem-
bers of his family when a bomb was
thrown at him from an empty
house. The bomb missed its mark
and failed to explode.A similar reward is offered for
the arrest of the murderer of a
young Chinese woman employed at
40B, the Peak. The body was found
in a nullah at Wanchai Gap on the
5th. November. One end of a rope
was tied round her neck while the
other end was fastened to branches
of a tree overhanging the nullah.POLICE CONSTABLES
SENTENCED.DEMANDING MONEY WITH
MENACES.The case of the two constables of
the Water Police Department, who
were charged with misconducting
themselves as constables and de-
manding money with menaces,
was concluded before Mr. E. W.
Hamilton at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy yesterday afternoon, when
the first defendant was convicted
on both charges and the second on
the charge of misconduct only.Mr. D. McCallum appeared for
complainant Ng Shui Kam, from
whom the pair demanded \$80, and
Mr. J. T. Prior represented the
defendants.The last witness for the defence,
the second defendant, answering
the Magistrate, said that when he
arrived at the scene of the fight
between the doctor (complainant's
friend) and the first defendant, he
was not told anything of the
trouble. His Worship emphasised
the fact that he was a police con-
stable and also that the first
defendant had said in his evidence
that the complainant was seen
the previous night to attempt
to steal arms from a ship,
but the witness insisted that al-
though he knew the first defendant
was a constable, he did not help
because he also knew the other
party and he understood they had
agreed to go to the police station
together.The defence having closed, In-
spector Blackman was called, at
the request of the Magistrate, to
give evidence to clear the point as
to who was in the custody of the
other when the two men (the
doctor and the first defendant)
went to the police station. The
Inspector said that the two men in
question and the complainant
went to the station together. They
walked casually into the charge
room, but the two witnesses for
the prosecution proceeded to make
statements in connection with the
affair. Witness was in the act of
taking the statements when the
first defendant accused the com-
plainant of being concerned in
arms. They were then despatched
to the Water Police station.His Worship convicted the
defendants and Mr. Prior asked
permission to address the Bench in
mitigation. He asked his Worship
to take into consideration that both
men would be discharged from the
police force. They were young
and there was extraordinarily great
temptation.The first defendant was sentenc-
ed to three months' hard labour on
each of the charges, sentences to
run concurrently, and the second,
who did not have a very good
character, was sentenced to two
months.

SERVICES CRICKET.

NAVY BEATS THE ARMY.

The Navy proved to be the
better side in their match against
the Army yesterday and came
through as the winners by 31 runs
on the first innings. Fine weather
prevailed and when the Navy open-
ed, they did so with caution, Lt.
Commr. Jotham and Midship-
man Evans treating the bowling
with respect. The latter was first
wicket down with the score
at two, but it was not until
he had compiled an invaluable 31
that the former was dismissed
l.b.w. to a straight one from
Jacob.There was nothing exciting about
the play and the best score of the
side was 43 by Lieut. Wauchope
who was not afraid to open his
shoulders to all that was offered.
At 125 the Navy were all out.In spite of the fact that the score
board showed 62 for only two
wickets at the fifth interval, the
Army failed to catch up, as the tail
refused to wag to effect, notwith-
standing that the Navy were com-
paratively poor in the field. The
highest score was that of Captain
Kent, who was out l.b.w. at 32.
The total for the innings was 95.A further 40 minutes play for
each side was decided upon and
during this the sailors managed to
make 63 with five wickets
down, Lieut. Wauchope and
Midshipman Stephenson being not
out with 9 and 0 respectively.The Army side showed much
better form during their period of
play and collected 74 for the loss
of only two wickets, Lieut. Allfree
standing up to the bowling in a
manner which suggested that with
a little more luck in the first
innings, he would have quite
probably pulled his side out of the
mire. He and Wood were not out
with 44 and 0 respectively when
stumps were drawn.

Navy.—1st Innings.

Lt. Commr. Jotham, l.b.w., b 5
Jacob 81
Mid. Evans, b Walker 2
Mid. Stephenson, b Jacob 3
Lt. Wauchope, b Rowe 43
Lt. Nicholson, b Gifford 6
Pay Lt. Commr. Hargreaves,
l.b.w., Gifford 3
Col. Cantrell, b Rowe 0
Lt. Bower, c Hattersley Smith,
b Rowe 1
Pay Lt. Hegg, b Gifford 5
Lieut. Hayter, not out 14
Capt. Luke, and b Rowe 1
Extras 17

Total 126

Bowling Analysis:—

O. M. R. W.
Walker 7 1 20 1
Jacob 10 1 31 2
Lt. Smith 4 0 15 0
Gifford 9 3 24 3
Rowe 7 3 19 1

Army.—1st Innings.

Capt. Walker, c Lake b Cantrell 9
Capt. Kent, l.b.w., b Cantrell 32
Capt. Carpenter, c Jotham b
Cantrell 3
Major Hattersley Smith, b Hogg 4
Lieut. Allfree, b Cantrell 0
Capt. Fenry, c Lake b Hogg 0
Lieut. Smith, b Hogg 1
Capt. Rowe, b Cantrell 13
Bdman Wood, not out 8
Sgt. Gifford, c and b Evans 5
Q. M. S. Jacob, b Evans 5
Extras 21

Total 95

Bowling Analysis:—

O. M. R. W.
Hargreaves 3 0 7 0
Evans 7 1 20 2
Cantrell 12 1 31 5
Hogg 8 3 17 3

Navy.—2nd Innings.

Capt. Luke, b Kent 18
Lieut. Hayter, c Kent b Car-
penter 7
Lieut. Commr. Bower, c Kent
b Allfree 13
Mid. Evans, b Walker b Kent 1
Lieut. Nicholson, c Carpenter b
Allfree 7
Lieut. Wauchope, not out 9
Mid. Stephenson, not out 8
Extras 0

Total (for 5 wks.) 63

Bowling Analysis:—

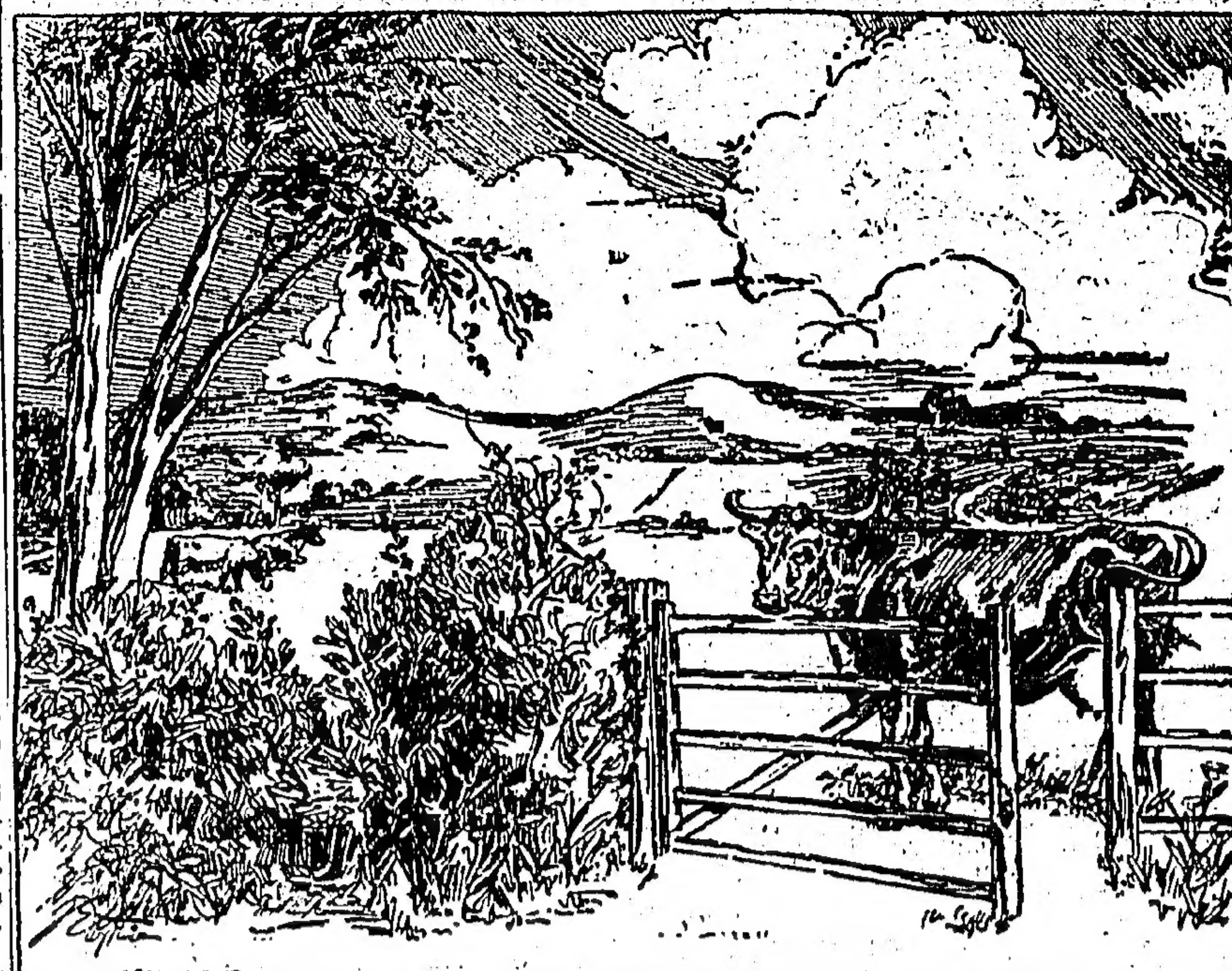
O. M. R. W.
Carpenter 4 0 10 1
Wood 2 0 17 0
Kent 2 1 1 2
Hattersley Smith, b 0 19 0
Allfree 1 0 8 2

Army.—2nd Innings.

Lt. Allfree, not out 44
Lt. Smith, run out 4
Capt. Fenry, b Nicholson 0
Sgt. Gifford, b Nicholson 4
Bdman Wood, not out 13
Extras 0

Total (for 3 wks.) 74

Bowling Analysis:—

O. M. R. W.
Hayter 5 0 31 0
Hargreaves 3 9 4 0
Nicholson 4 1 5 2
Stephenson 2 0 17 0

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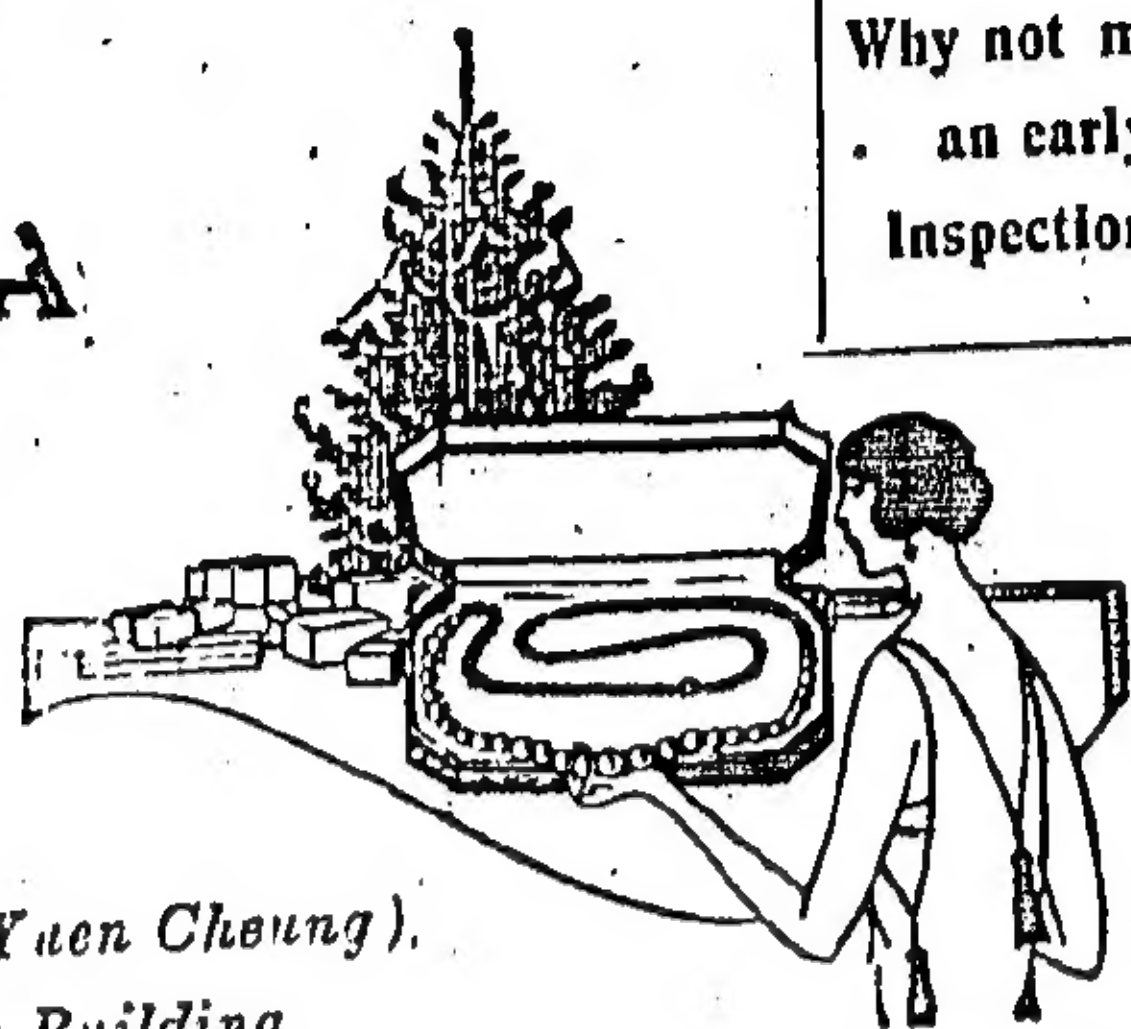
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The death took place on Sunday evening of Dr. Lau Tung-shang, president of the Canton Y.M.C.A. and a well-known dentist of Tai Sun Kai.
Dr. Lau, says the Canton Gazette, had been for many years an outstanding leader in many social and moral movements. He was one of the leaders in raising the standards of the dental profession in Canton. His own office was a model of good taste in modern equipment and cleanliness.
Over seventeen years ago Dr. Lau met a small group of progressive Christian men and organized the Canton Young Men's Christian Association. Through seventeen years he had stood behind this organization, first as a charter member, afterwards as a worker and a member of the Board of Directors. Under his devoted leadership the Y.M.C.A. work has steadily advanced. For many years he had been an active member of the Yan Tsai kai church. During the last few years he had served as superintendent of the Sunday School.
Dr. Lau was a cultured scholar who loved the best in China's past and believed in and worked for a nobler and greater future.

PRINCE CHICHIBU.

TO SPEND TWO YEARS IN ENGLAND.

Tokyo, Dec. 17.—The Nichi Nichi learns authoritatively that Prince Chichibu is proceeding to England on May 11th by the N. Y. K. Fushimi Maru. He is expected to spend two years in England, part of which will be as an undergraduate at Oxford. Thereafter he will visit European countries for further study.—Reuter.

CHINESE POLITICS.

TUAN CHI-JUI'S VIEWS.

Peking, Dec. 17th.—Tuan Chi-jui this morning told Reuter that he was strongly in favour of using the British Boxer indemnity for railway construction or other constructive work. He added that one of the most important problems that China had to face was that of improved communications. Questioned regarding the recent reports of the impending dissolution of Parliament and the denunciation of the Tsao Kun constitution and the provisional constitution of 1912, Tuan Chi-jui said that the Provisional Government did not intend to take any action at present. This question would be referred to at the forthcoming conference. When the question of new constitution did come up, he thought that it would be best for China to start off with a clean slate in respect to her foreign policy. It has been announced that the Government intended to respect her foreign obligations and maintain all treaties, conventions and agreements.
Regarding financial policy, Tuan said that the main plank was reconstruction. A scheme of financial readjustment would be put into operation embracing the consolidation of foreign domestic loan, but the whole financial question would be worked out by the forthcoming conference.

National Convention.
This conference would deal with urgent questions relating to administration and reconstruction, including the disbandment of troops and financial and political reorganization, etc. It would also draft regulations to govern the second conference or National Convention. It would probably last about a month, but no date for the opening could be given as many matters had first to be adjusted.

It was not possible to say much about the Convention for its duties and scope would be entirely determined by the first conference. He couldn't say whether Chang Tso-lin, Sun Yat-sen and Peng Yu-shiang would personally attend but otherwise their responsible representatives would be there.

Asked what he thought of the Protocol Powers recent note, Tuan said that yesterday he gave instructions to the Foreign Office to draft a reply which will be made known in due course. He had also given instructions that the Lincheng demands should be settled as soon as possible. It was regrettable that this affair has been allowed to drag on so long.—Reuter.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BRASS PLATE WARNING.

Washington, Dec. 17.
The Government is not answering M. Tchitcherine's note of December 16, at which consular officials are most amused. They point out that similar plates, in order that passers-by should take observations, have been fixed in many foreign places and standardised. The warning against violation inscribed thereon was only intended for domestic consumption.—Reuter.

SOVIET DINNER IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 17.
The Soviet delegation held its first dinner in London. It was attended by Mr. Edward Manville, members of the House of Commons, Lt.-Com. Kenworthy and Mr. Stott, M.P. Mr. Rakovsky, presiding, toasted the King. M. Rabinovitch, the President of the Delegation, mentioned that Russian exports to Britain had increased by nearly £8,000,000 during the past two years.—Reuter.

THE MOROCCAN TROUBLE.

Tangiers, Dec. 17.
The Spaniards have completed the withdrawal to the Tetuan-Larache line of 3,000 troops which have been sent home. Other contingents will leave shortly and spend Christmas in Madrid. Efforts are being made to subdue the Anjera tribesmen by means of aerial bombardment. Several tons of explosives have been launched at villages in the past few days.—Reuter.

PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE EAST.

London, Dec. 17.
The celebration of the coming of age of the University of Leeds was marked by the reception of delegates and the presentation of congratulatory addresses from universities all over the world, including universities in the Dominions, India and Hongkong.
The Rev. Dr. Mackichan, speaking for the Universities of India, Burma and the Far East, pointed out that the danger in India was that knowledge was pursued too exclusively for the students' own sake; therefore, contact with the Western world was both beneficial and corrective.—Reuter.

GERMAN POLITICS.

Berlin, Dec. 17.
President Ebert has asked Herr Stresemann to form a Cabinet. Herr Stresemann is considering his decision.—Reuter.

CHARTER PARTY DISPUTE.

HEARING OF SUIT ENDED.
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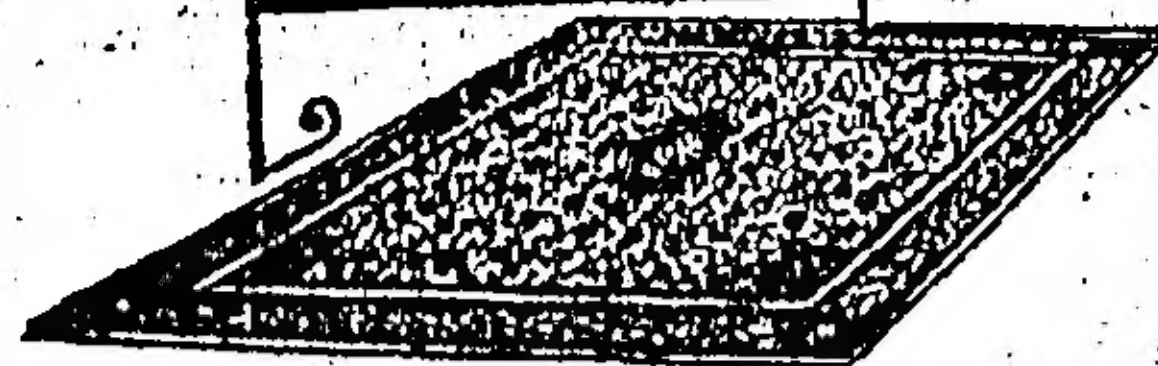
Singapore, Dec. 17th.
The case of the charter party dispute, in which Chop Bank-heng is suing Chop Siao-huat and Latham and Company for \$750,000 for alleged misrepresentation, was concluded yesterday afternoon in the Supreme Court. Judgment was reserved.

66 DESCENDANTS AND NO DEATHS.

Sixty-six descendants attended the golden-wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morley, aged seventy-three and seventy-one respectively, of Griffydham, Leicestershire, recently. No deaths have occurred in the family. Mr. and Mrs. Morley have lived in the same house since their marriage. The grandchildren include Joe Bradford, of the Birmingham Football Club.

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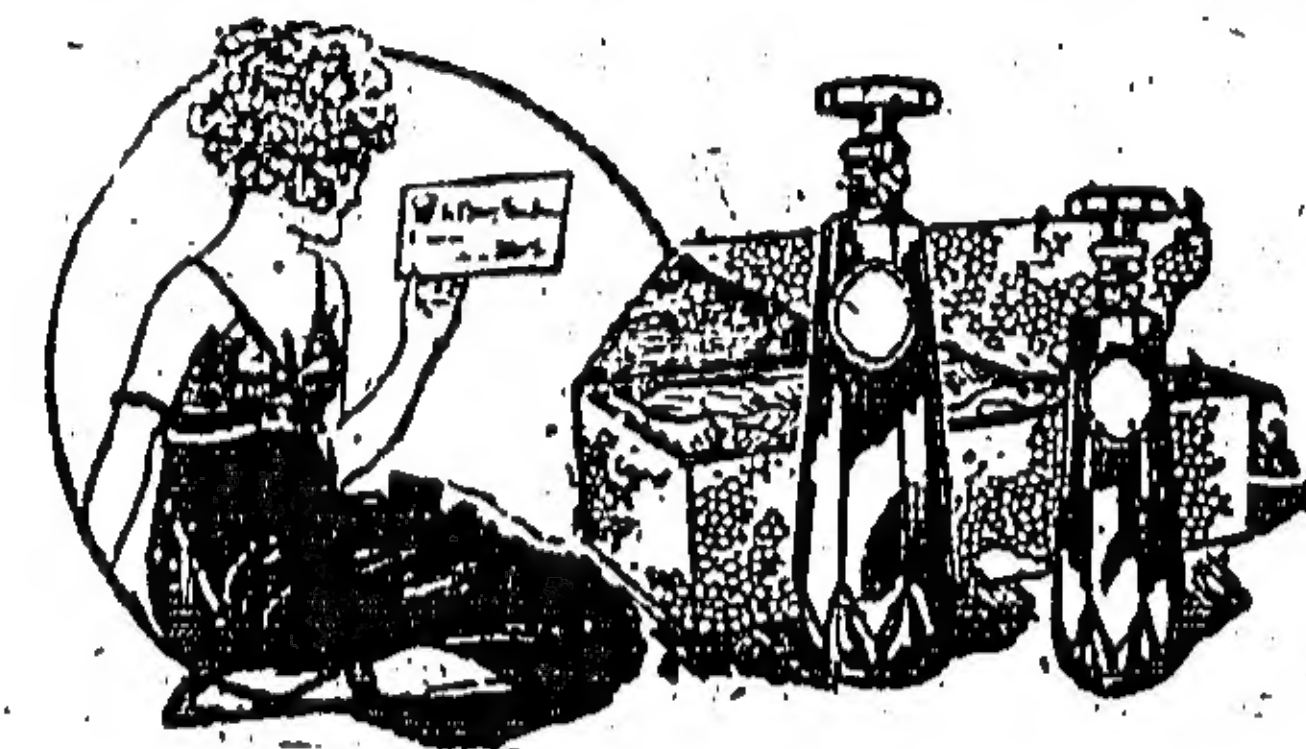
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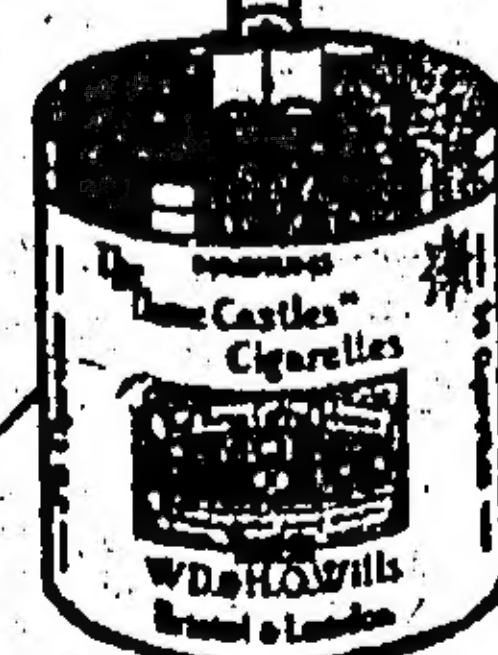
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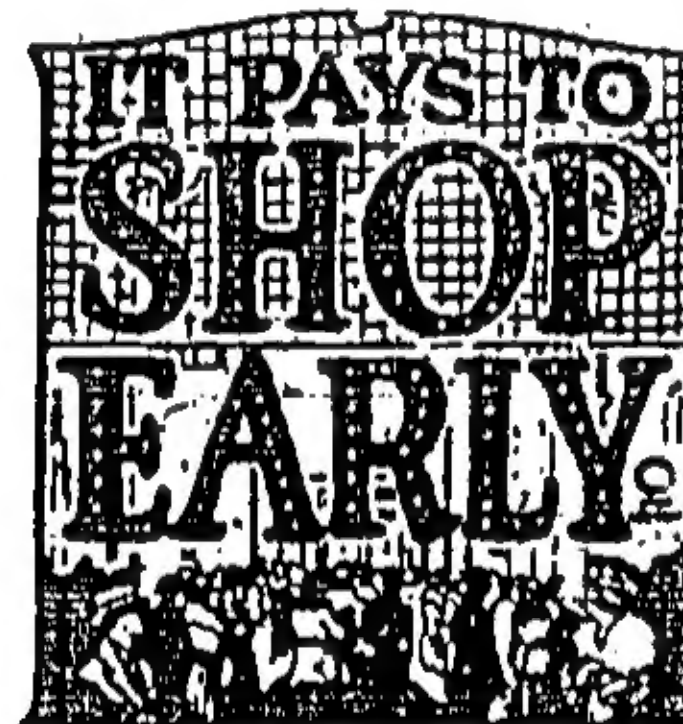
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MUZZLING.

In view of the fact that cases continue to be reported in which Chinese servants and others are being bitten by dogs, we cannot help thinking that the authorities are acting unwisely by refraining from instituting a muzzling order without delay. It is quite true that the number of actual occurrences of rabies reported is extremely small, but the large number of cases of people being bitten by dogs is, in the present circumstances, quite a sufficient reason for the taking of every possible precaution. It would be the height of folly to wait for the disease to obtain a wider incidence before adopting preventive measures.

Everyone must admit that muzzling would give the general public a greater measure of protection against possibly rabid dogs than is now guaranteed. The Government, however, states that "it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible," to make a muzzling order effective. Admittedly, there would be no absolute guarantee that, once the muzzling edict went forth, every dog in the Colony would be subjected to it. But it would obviously be made an offence to ignore the order, and when that became known, owners would take good care to see that the law was complied with. The Government attitude seems to us almost on a par with refraining from making the import of arms illegal because of a knowledge that some arms are bound to be smuggled in. One thing is certain—namely, that the institution of a muzzling order would give greater protection to the public, which has a right to demand that the authorities take every precaution in such a serious matter as this. We have recollections of past muzzling orders in Hongkong, and what was possible then is surely possible now.

In view of these considerations, we urge upon the Government the wisdom of reviewing the situation and abandoning its present policy. The horrors of hydrophobia are in themselves a sufficient reason to warrant the taking of this step, which we trust the Government will do without further delay.

The First Test.

The first match in the greatest event in the cricket world is to take place at Sydney to-morrow, when the initial contest for the

"Ashes" will open. It is possible now to discuss the prospects of the English team with a great deal more optimism than formerly, for they have maintained the hopes expressed in their favour right well. It is no secret that the Australians have been surprised at the M.C.C. teams' showing, and it is safe to say that the eleven to meet Australia to-morrow in the first of the Tests is one of the best that has ever appeared in this big competition. In some ways it has done so well in its minor matches as to have exceeded expectations, and to the ordinary wish that it will prevail, Englishmen can add a pleasant feeling that it has a good chance of emerging victorious. We might recall the opinion expressed by one of Australia's leading cricketers a few weeks ago, that the M.C.C. had got together a team as good as any previous one, but that he thought the lads "down under" could repeat their previous performance of retaining the coveted honours. He at the same time mentioned a doubt as to whether the Australian team would be as strong as last time, but with the form shown since by the new men, and the inclusion of a majority of the old stagers, the Englishmen will find as powerful an opposition as ever. In viewing the good performance of the visitors, we must perhaps draw the conclusion that English cricket has at length revived, if it was ever really decaying, as the critics would have us believe last year. Nothing could stimulate interest in the great game like the return of the "Ashes" to the Old Country after their long absence in the Antipodes. So we look forward with the greatest eagerness to the forthcoming tussle, and we have the sure knowledge that even if the English team fails to win the rubber, it will have done its level best, and that will be a boast of which all of us can be proud.

Morocco Situation.

We expressed the opinion some time ago, when the Spanish withdrawal in Morocco first showed signs of developing into a big evacuation of territory, that the subsequent effects on international matters might be disquieting. Now comes news that France is greatly concerned over the matter, and both Britain and Italy have lately been turning their attention to this new phase of the situation in North Africa. The most dangerous sequel to the Spanish retirement would be the growth of an opinion among the subject tribes in the region that the day of European rule was at an end, and thus might be created a spirit of revolt among the peoples inhabiting the French, British and Italian spheres of influence. There is a reference in a recent cable to the probable reaction of the affair upon Islam, which suggests the development of a fanatical "liberation" spirit that would turn the whole of North Africa into an area of serious unrest. We trust that nothing of the kind will arise, and so long as the Powers concerned remain friendly among themselves there should be no occasion for apprehension. But once let there be dissension, and the tale might be a different one. Italy has previously had very serious trouble with the slice of Africa under her control, and the Tangier settlement was not perhaps quite to her liking. She is therefore one of the most concerned nations who are watching the trend of events. France cannot afford to risk estrangement of old allies. Britain has enough to do in Egypt and the Sudan for the present. Yet the reverses suffered by Spain threaten to involve all these countries in grave complications with the tribes of North Africa as well as among themselves. It is an illustration of how small beginnings can lead to serious international problems.

ARMED ROBBERS.

A SHAUKIWAN AFFAIR.

Shaukiwan experienced another armed robbery last night when it was visited by a gang of three men, who made their presence known in a tea-house, at No. 37 Main Street. Whilst one man kept guard at the door, two others, who were equipped with automatic pistols, threatened the accountant and his folks and from the till took the day's takings, amounting to about a hundred dollars. They made their escape.

In the armed robbery occurring yesterday morning at Stone Nullah Lane, later details show a haul of \$700 in clothing and other property being made by the five men participating in the crime.

DAY BY DAY.

NOBLE DEEDS THAT ARE CONCEALED ARE MOST ESTEEMED.—Pascal.

Mr. N. I. Brewer left by the s.s. Tango Maru.

One Chinese case of diphtheria was notified yesterday.

The Oxford v. Cambridge cricket match is to be played to-morrow on the H. K. C. C. ground.

There is to be an Art Exhibition at the V. R. C. to-day and to-morrow, from 2 to 6.30 p.m., and a fancy dress carnival to-morrow, commencing at 9 p.m.

Arriving by the s.s. Kitano Maru were Sir A. and Lady Edmonstone, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Purves and Mr. A. W. van Andel.

The biggest boxing show, Dempsey v. Gibbons, 15 rounds, and Firpo v. Wills, 12 rounds, has drawn large crowds at the World Theatre the last two nights. To-morrow is its final show and cinema-goers are advised not to miss this picture.

We have received from Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. a most attractive Christmas catalogue of toys and gifts. It is profusely illustrated and contains a hundred and one suggestions for Yuletide gifts. Those who have not received a copy should make early application.

The fourth performance of "The Yeoman of the Guard" by the Hongkong Philharmonic Society took place last night and was a huge success. All present were delighted with the work of the principals, chorus and orchestra alike. The two last performances are to-morrow and Saturday.

"The Silent Command," which is showing at the Star Theatre, is a story that appeals to everyone, for it has to do with a spy, and the ways of spies. The sensational episodes in this particular film version of a great story are many, and include an attempt to blow up the Panama Canal; a fight in the wireless room; a steamship during a tempest, and the most realistic wreck ever shown on the screen.

SHARE PRICES.

The principal changes in local share quotations to-day are:—
Sugars—\$93 sales.
Wharves—\$218 buyers.
Hotels—\$220 sales.
Lands—\$109 sellers.
Trams—\$56 buyers and sales.

SHARE MARKET.

SHANGHAI QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. have kindly supplied us with the following cable quotations of Shanghai stocks from their Shanghai office:—

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"A DANGEROUS MAN."

SENT TO GAOL FOR 15 YEARS.

Pleading guilty to a charge of attempted murder, a Chinese named Leung Tsoi, aged 40 years, was sentenced to 15 years' hard labour by Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The facts of the case were that the man tried to drown a woman named Shek Mui with whom he had previously lived, by pushing her into the harbour off the Praya at Wanchoi, on November 26th. The man's determination was proved by the fact that he had, previously, assaulted her.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, stated that the man had been medically examined and had been found to be sane, but to be obsessed by a desire to kill the woman. This made him a dangerous man.

His Lordship told the prisoner, who seemed dull of understanding, that it was to be hoped that when he came out of prison in 15 years' time he would be in a better frame of mind.

TEACHING OF
PORTUGUESE.

REPLY TO "FOREIGNER."

We have received the following letter for publication:—

Sir,—A year ago the subject of the teaching of Portuguese in this Colony was treated in the columns of your valuable paper to such an extent that you, after two weeks' discussion, thought it fit to close the correspondence.

You, Mr. Editor, cannot forget and many of your readers will recollect, how your correspondent "Foreigner," who posed in academic robes, was battered and, after being challenged by another of your correspondents to a public debate in the City Hall, became pale and, not daring to unmask his academician veil, turned tail!

A year ago, Sir, you, permit me to say, published his insulting letter with the heading "An Outspoken Opinion" and this year in your issue of the 12th instant you find his none the less insulting correspondence "An Interesting Letter!"

For five days I have kept my peace hoping that some able writer would come forward and show his appreciation for the wisdom of his views, but I am awfully disappointed to see that all friends and foes alike, have found it fit to leave him alone.

I think that it is high time that some one, not necessarily with an outspoken opinion, should dare to awake him from the slumbers, in which he must have fallen after the victory won by him through his wisdom of views.

Your hospitality, Mr. Editor, being extended to wise and laymen alike, I make myself bold to criticize, once for all, the subject in question in its new phase, without fearing any reproach from parents.

Your correspondent "Foreigner" has the effrontery to write that he has been for a whole fortnight waiting for his detractors to have the manliness to come forward and admit the wisdom of his views! Now, "Detractor" means one who detracts or slanders. This being clear, you, Sir, and those who were interested in last year's correspondence, will remember that "Foreigner" was found to be detracting to such an extent that you had to delete certain portions of his nauseating correspondence and that, as he was obstinately raising irrelevant issues, he had, at the end of the discussion, some Britons and other foreign correspondents arrayed against him!

Proceeding, I must say that the sense of deep gratitude to the local Government and towards the Education Board for the manner in which, as a whole, this body has been giving its kind attention to the matter in question, is due from all who wish the Portuguese language to be taught compulsorily in local schools.

I wish the learned members of the Education Board to remember that the feeling (or the resolution for a request to the Board) for the meeting in the Lusitano Club was for a "Compulsory" teaching of the Portuguese language to the Portuguese in the local schools, for it is well known that, even in higher studies, subjects that carry few marks are neglected by students, whose immediate aim is to get through the examination. This resolution was arrived at, not on sentimental grounds, but after mature consideration pregnant with difficulties in the past, etc. If the Government is not willing to include the Portuguese language in the school curriculum, we have no means (and it is no use to argue further this matter) to enforce the decision. We don't fight, we request; we were and are for the preference.

To those who think that the resolution for "Compulsory" teaching was inspired by sentimentalism, I respectfully beg to submit (writing analogically) that sentiment counts heavily in the world's affairs, otherwise I would dare to say that so many brilliant British statesmen and other Britons, who are labouring in different spheres of human activities, are only acting for their selfish and material welfare. But facts, Sir, point to the contrary. That the Britons are broad-minded and one of the most sensible people in the world are shown by the fact that they in many cities, formerly in Portugal's possession, from Africa to these shores, are allowing to stand monuments and forts, which testify to the discoveries, conquests and other glorious deeds by the Portuguese, pioneers of European civilisation in the East.

I do not think that the trial effort of the Education Board to teach the Portuguese in the Bellvue School has met with such

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph.")

"Saint Joan."

Sir,—As there will probably be an invasion of Hongkong next month from the outlying ports and distant places to witness "the greatest play of the century" may I suggest that adequate provision be made at the "theatre" for what promises to be not only a unique but also an historic occasion? My apprehension in regard to accommodation is founded on the fact that for 246 nights at the New Theatre in London over 1,200 people went nightly to see Shaw's masterpiece, and the seating capacity of the New Theatre is 800! Of course many of these audiences were composed of the same people, and I know of one instance in which one playgoer witnessed the play fifty times. I am not suggesting that this will take place in Hongkong—at least not exactly, but as I understand that this is the first occasion on which Shaw has been presented by amateurs on a Hongkong audience, let us be prepared for the worst! Incidentally I note that there are at present four of this author's plays being presented simultaneously on the London boards, which seems to justify the poet who wrote:—

"You may range, you may flutter round other gods still.
"Return to Saint Bernard you certainly will!"

In conclusion I hope I may be permitted, Sir, as an admirer of Shaw's genius, to offer my congratulations to whomsoever is responsible for providing South China with what I am confident will prove to be not only an intellectual treat but a spiritual experience also.

Yours etc.
SHAMEEN SHAVIAN.
Shameen, December 17th, 1924.

a dismal failure, as one cannot always expect success on first trials. Admitting the alleged falling off of pupils in this school (this matter is I understand, still under the Education Board's investigation), it does not follow that the Portuguese in Hongkong are not anxious that their children should learn their language. I personally expected a complete failure in that school, because the bulk of Portuguese children are attending other schools.

In its last issue, the local review *Religio e Patria* writes that, in the Calcutta University a course of the Portuguese language and its literature has been introduced, Dr. Braganca e Cunha being appointed for the chair; and, in many other Universities of the world, Portuguese language is being taught for obvious reasons and not to please Portugal.

Before concluding, let me touch on another important point, which has escaped the "Wisdom of Views" of your correspondent "Foreigner": i.e. that all nations and the patriotism of every community have their weak points. The world, at present, for the advancement of sound education and the re-establishment of moral standards, more than for the material reconstruction, or at least parallelly, requires self-sacrificing and noble-minded people, instead of people with prejudiced mind and adulterated "wisdom," which serves only to destroy, etc. His attitude reminds me of one "Herr Chamberlain," who during the last world war tried to flatter the Berliners by vomiting diatribes and slanders against Great Britain!

As "Foreigner" has shown such interest in the matter of the Portuguese language and gone so far as to scorn the Portuguese and their patriotism, etc. etc., one may be pardoned in wishing to know his nationality.

It would be outrageous to think that he is a Briton, because no Britisher or even an honest and faithful British subject would subscribe himself as "Foreigner" in this British Colony. He is certainly not a Chinese, for they have enough common sense not to meddle in other people's affairs.

A man full of wisdom and so versed in academic matters should not be afraid and ashamed of being known. Come, "Foreigner," please add a little courage and common sense to your wisdom and let us know your nationality.

Long live Great Britain and Portugal!

"Shades of Vasco da Gama, Camoes"..... Behold, Ye, Venerable Shades. Behold the kind of "Foreigner" you have been sheltering.....

This, Mr. Editor, is my last.

Yours etc.,
UM PORTUGUES.

Hongkong, Dec. 17th, 1924.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

THE INTERPORT TRIAL:
WHO SHOULD BE WHO.

[BY "WANDERER."]

Early next month we shall be in the throes of the Interport trials, and speculation is rife as to the composition of the sides. One or two players, of course, have played themselves directly into the Interport eleven (providing one is necessary) and the attentions of the committee will be concentrated on the abilities of the remainder. Clarke, of the Police, is the obvious choice for goalkeeper; Chan Kwong-ai is the finest outside left in the Colony and it is almost certain that his partner, Li Wai-tong, will be asked to keep him company. On the right wing, we have Charlesworth, of the Surveys, and Johnson, of the Tamar, to choose from; and the committee will do well to select their inside right first. If Eaton is given the position, as he should be, his only rival is Sun Kam-suen, who is probably too light for what must naturally be a strenuous game—then it should follow, as a matter of course, that Charlesworth should be given his chance to show a clean pair of heels to our friendly foes from Shanghai.

The centre-forward problem is less acute than at Home; it resolves itself into a judgment of the respective merits of Humberstone, of the Surveys, and Lieut. Jones, of the Club. Jones has shown to some extent that he can do well in good company, but his goal-scoring ability on paper looks very weak compared to that of Humberstone, who has over a dozen goals to his credit in about ten or eleven games. Personally I think Humberstone is the better shot.

The half back line requires very careful consideration though in this department there are one or two outstanding players. For left half we have Bristowe, an obvious choice. Bristowe cannot be called brilliant in the literal meaning of that much-overworked adjective, but he has the greatest of football virtues, consistency. He works hard from beginning to end, tackles fearlessly and has few superiors when the question of constructive ability comes into the discussion. McKelvie, the Kowloon centre-half, has been earning golden opinions during the present season, has deserved them all, and should be our centre-half. The right half position presents greater difficulty, and I think it will be necessary to go to the China "A" eleven for the man for the job. Leung Yuk-tong also is very reliable and a useful player to have in the side.

Gerrard, Bishop, Wheeler and Jordan all have claims for inclusion in the rear line of defence. Gerrard has played magnificently on occasion and he is of the type that would come out on top in a big match. It is a pity he does not pay more attention to direction. The two sides on January 10th will appear, I venture to predict, something like the following:—Probables: Clarke; Gerrard and Bishop; Leung Yuk-tong, McKelvie and Bristowe; Charlesworth, Eaton, Humberstone, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ai. Possibles: Rodgers; Wheeler and Jordan; Britton, Mitchell, and Lam Yuk Ying; Johnson, Sun Kam-suen, Lieut. Jones, Butler and Mackleworth.

Saturday's league fixtures are as follows:—

DIV. I. Kick-off 4 p.m.
Police v Club—St. Josephs.
China "A" v Surveys—Sookun-poo.
Kowloon v China "B"—Kowloon.
DIV. II. Kick-off 2.30.
Kowloon v Sacred Heart—Kowloon.
Surveys v China "A"—Sookun-poo.
O. Reacro "A" v University—Navy "A".
Club v China "B"—Club.
St. Jos. "B" v Drums—Chinese.
O. Reacro "B" v St. Jos. "A"—St. Joseph's.

Spectators wishing to see the match of the season will require to be in their seats somewhere about two o'clock. Whichever way the game goes, to the Surveys or to the Chinese, it is almost certain that the winners will also win the League unless the R.A. come back rejuvenated with a few set-backs stored up for the leaders. If any China "A" are going to lose their unbeaten certificate.

The Club v. Police match will be a close thing; the Club should

A GREAT BARITONE.

TREAT FOR MUSIC LOVERS.

The Star Theatre management, enterprising as it always is, has gone one better and has arranged a concert for Monday next at the Theatre when Signor Ronconi, the famous Italian baritone, will render items from his extensive repertoire. The standing of this artist may be gauged when it is mentioned that Mr. Harry Oro will act as accompanist. Signor Giulio Ronconi, in addition to being in the front rank of operatic artists, seems to have had a rather romantic series of experiences—if such they can be called. His career has once been wrecked by the Bolsheviks and once by the Japanese earthquake. Before the war, the signor was known in every European capital and he sings equally well in English, French, Spanish, Italian, and Russian. In October, 1918, he was singing in Moscow. The anti-Kerensky revolution started, Art ceased. Ronconi saw himself lined up in droves and shot down. His hotel became a shambles and for six months he and his wife lived in fear of their lives.

Booking for the concert is at Montros, and a treat is in store for those who attend.

SHIPPING NEWS.

HEAVY WEATHER FROM MANILA.

The Pacific Mail s.s. President Pierce (Capt. January) reports heavy weather coming across from Manila. The vessel arrived this morning, after experiencing a monsoon wind of force 9 (Beaufort).

One of the passengers on the Pierce is Dr. B. J. Palmer, the noted "father" of chiropractors, who is staying on here for a time, with his wife.

The Jardine Matheson s.s. Yuen Sang (Capt. Jowitt) arrived yesterday from Manila and reported similarly as to the weather conditions.

The coaster Tingal (Capt. Melsom) arrived to-day from Keelung, and had a rough passage.

The owners of steamers plying on the Hongkong-West River run have come to an arrangement as to the laying-up of certain ships, in relief of the congestion.

GERMAN CABINET
DIFFICULTY.

Berlin, Dec. 17.

It is announced that Herr Stresemann has declined to form a Cabinet, owing to the opposition of the Centrists.—*Reuter*.

win if they are at full strength. I would suggest they give Key a trial at inside-left; he is tricky and has a good shot. He never was a wing forward. Kowloon should beat China "B".

The three leading clubs in the Second Division should add further points to their quota, and Sacred Heart may make another upward step by beating Kowloon. The Drums and the Club are also winners on paper.

On Boxing Day, there will be an international match between England and Scotland, starting on the Club ground at 3.45 p.m. England will play in white and Scotland in blue. The teams will be:—

England:—Wavish (Tamar), Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Potter (Surveys), Wigginton (Diomedes), and Brown (Tamar); Charlesworth (Surveys), Eaton (Surveys), Jones (Club), Eds (Diomedes) and Howard (Club).

Scotland:—Rodger (Club); Gerrard (Club) and Hume (Petersfield); Mair (Club), Stewart (Club) and A. Duncan (Kowloon); G. Duncan (Club), Forsyth (Club), McKelvie (Kowloon) McBride and Key (Club).

Reserves:—England: Wheeler (Kowloon), Mitchell, Humberstone and Mackleworth (all of Surveys), Scotland: Clarke, Forbes and Dewar (all of Police), and Muir (Kowloon).

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon F.C. in their League fixtures on Saturday:—

Against China "A"—J. Beach, B. Pasco, T. L. Knight, A. Turner, S. G. Hayes, A. Duncan, R. Clomo, A. Latham, J. McKelvie, J. McBride, B. Vickers.

Against Sacred Heart—O. Stewart, W. Parratt, B. Rasmussen, A. Kirby, O. Caville, S. Randle, G. Morris, C. E. Millard, W. H. Brown, N. Trambitzky, A. Fitzgerald. Reserves: G. White, F. Ross and H. S. Prowse.

TEA-CHEST MURDER.

TRIAL OPENS AT SESSIONS.

The trial was opened at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, K.C., of the shop foki who stands charged with the murder of an aged tea merchant of 145 Connaught Road Central, whose dead body was found in a box on the verandah of the shop.

Mr T. M. Hazlerigg prosecuted for the Crown and Mr H. S. Fitzroy defended.

The facts of the case, as submitted by the Crown, were that the deceased was murdered by the foki on September 30th and that the body was discovered two days later by a classman who had called to see the man. Mr Hazlerigg stated that the deceased always carried the keys of the safe on his person and that personal gain seems to have been the motive. There was a particular reason why the prisoner should be desirous of obtaining money. At the beginning of August he had loaned the deceased \$1,500 which had been paid into the firm's account. This money was paid back on September 7th, and on September 22nd, the prisoner reported to No. 7 Police Station that he had lost \$1,065. It was peculiar, said Mr Hazlerigg, that a foki earning \$5 a month should be in possession of so large a sum and it would be a calamity if he lost it. He might do almost anything to replace it. On the afternoon of the day of the crime there was only deceased, the prisoner and a cook on the floor occupied by the shop. At 7.30 in the evening the prisoner gave the cook some money to go and buy things and the cook was away for over one hour. During the interval there was no doubt that the deceased was murdered, wounds being inflicted with some heavy cutting instrument and the man's throat being subsequently cut. The body was placed in a box on the verandah, head downwards, and wrapped in a blanket and covered with old newspapers. The man was supposed to be missing until October 2nd, when a classman who called at the shop found the body through noticing stains on the verandah floor. Prisoner was arrested on the night boat (s.s. Honam) on October 2nd, just before the boat was due to leave for Canton. He was occupying a first-class cabin and had \$134 and some new clothing and jewellery in his possession. The safe had been rifled of all important documents and chops and on October 1st, someone cashed a deposit receipt of the firm for \$1,000 at the Bank of Canton and also tried to cash another one at the Oriental Bank. The last-named Bank refused to pay the cash because the man who presented it was not the same person whose photograph they had in their possession. The bank clerks in each case could not definitely identify the man who called. The prisoner in his statement had incriminated a man named So Shing, who would be called in evidence. It would be proved that So Shing was up country at the time of the crime and that when he was arrested here on coming off a Kowloon steamer he only had \$1 in his possession, whereas prisoner had quite a lot of money on him. Mr Hazlerigg submitted that from the evidence and the man's own statement, he was guilty of the crime.

Evidence was then called and the case is proceeding.

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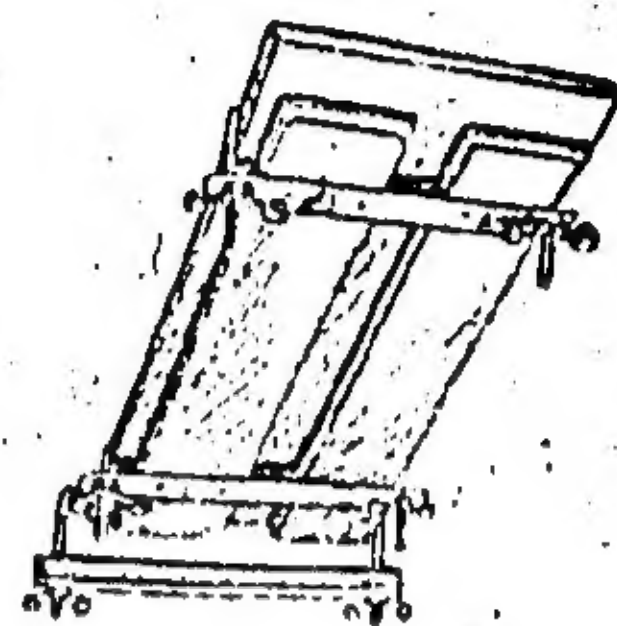
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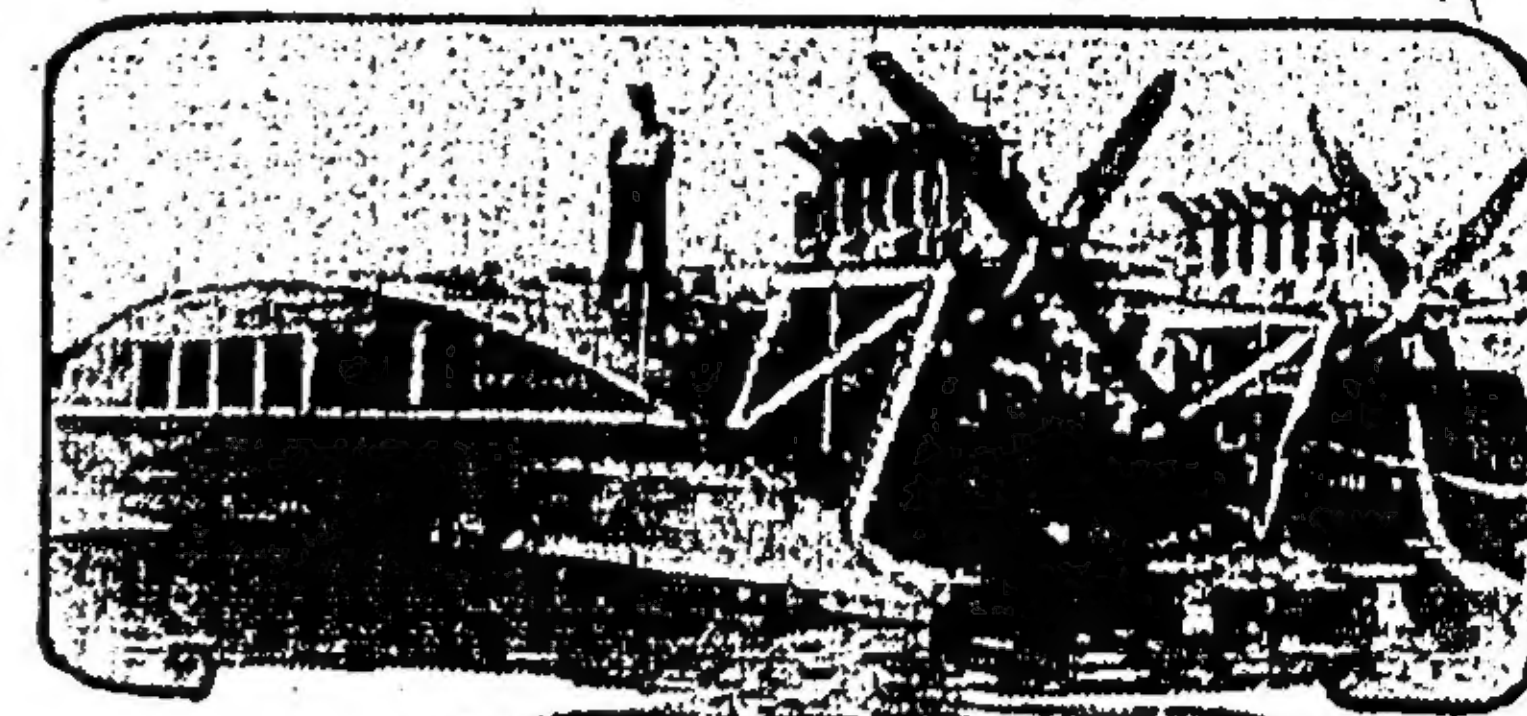
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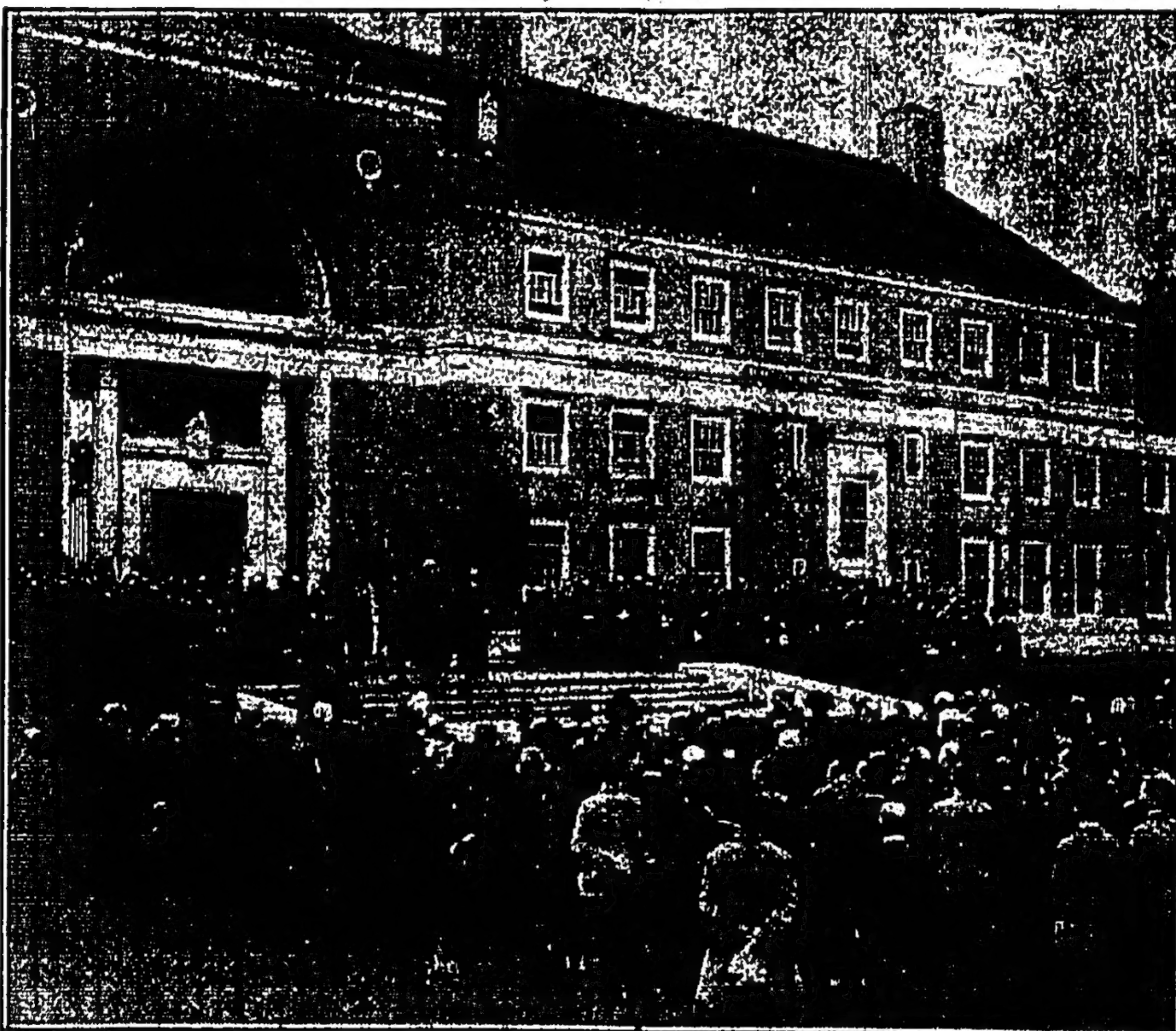
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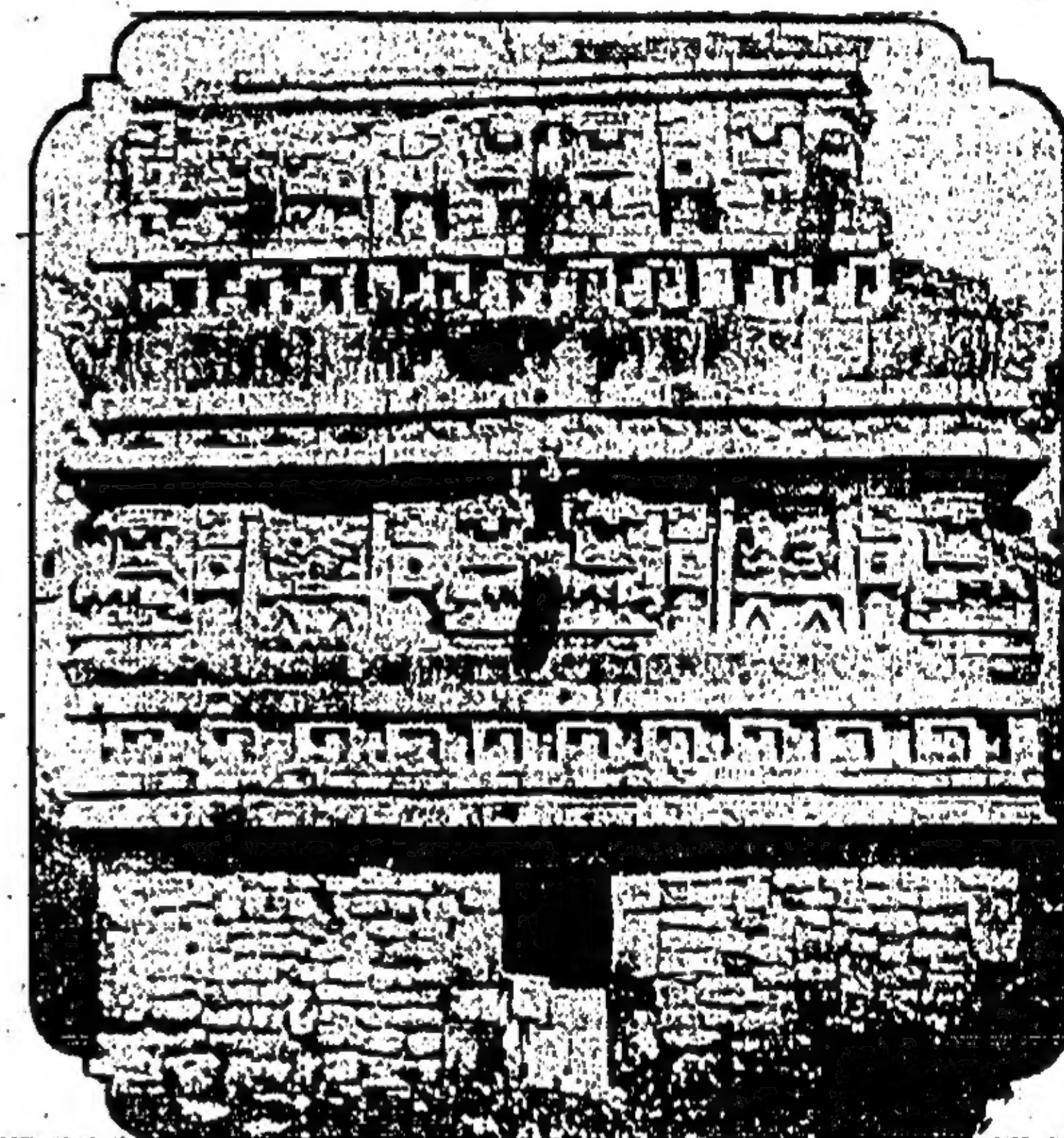
RICHMOND v. HARLEQUINS.—An incident in the match between Richmond and the Harlequins. The Harlequins were beaten by 17 points to 11. ("The Times" copyright photograph).



A SEA GIANT.—This giant hydroplane has just been built in Vienna. The motors shown here capable of developing 160 horse-power.



MEMORIAL BUILDING AT CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.—Lord Balfour, Visitor of the College speaking at Clare College, Cambridge, after he had unveiled a memorial tablet and opened the memorial building. Sir Gilbert Scott R. A. is the architect. ("The Times" copyright photograph.)



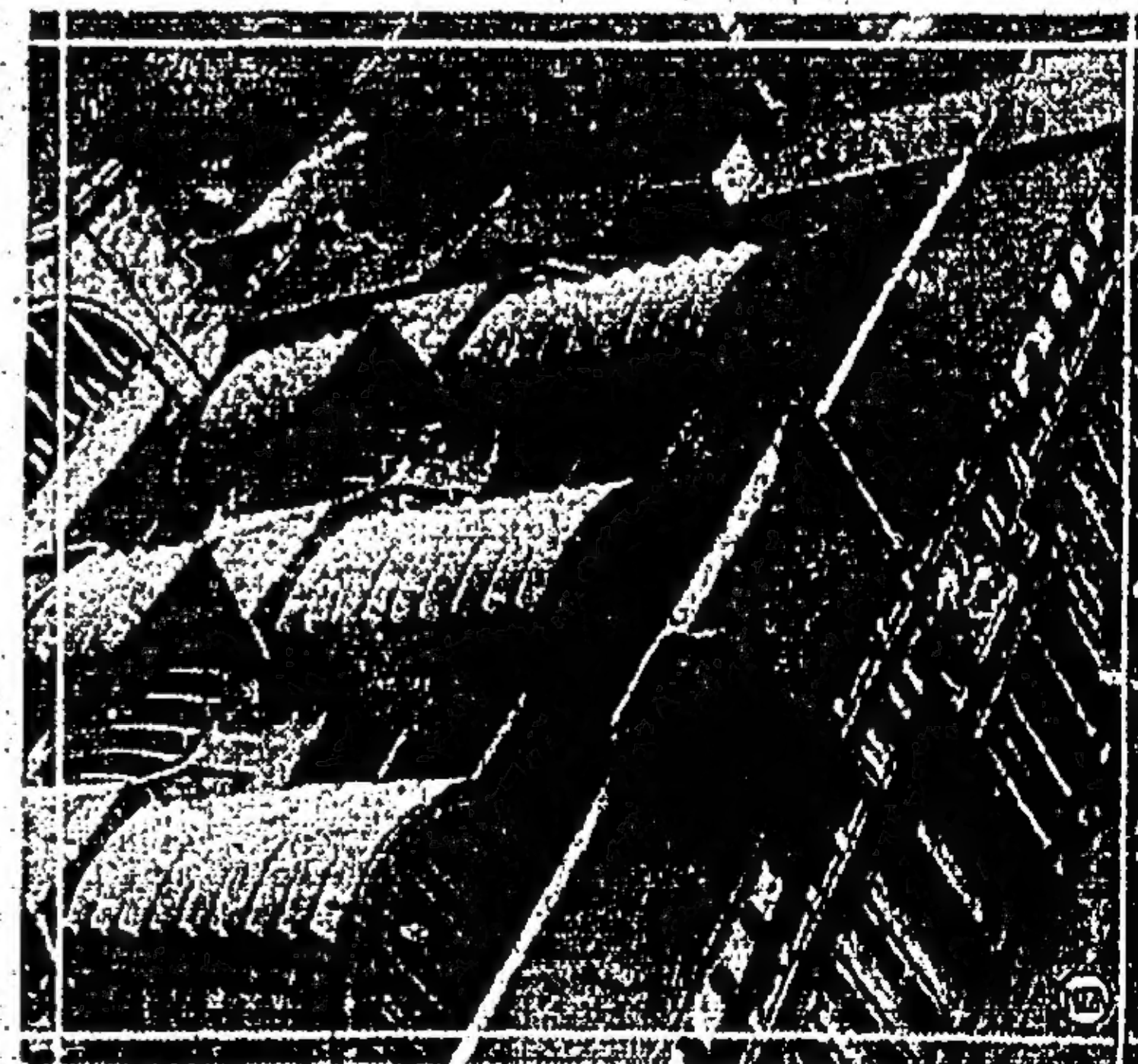
MAYA CHURCH.—The "Iglesia," ancient Maya church at Chichen-Itza. Occult students from all parts of the world make pilgrimages to this edifice.



FOR RED CROSS.—Even a miser would loosen his purse strings for the Red Cross if such a pretty miss as shown in the photograph were to pin a button on him. She is Miss Virginia Hitt, Washington society girl and her victim is Captain A. A. Andrews, U. S. N. commander of the presidential yacht, the Mayflower.



LADIES' BAND.—Miss Blanche G. Thompson is only 15 but she leads the high school band at Malden, Mass. Furthermore, she takes a heavy part with her cornet as a player.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW.—No, it's not a cross-word puzzle. Nor is it a cubist painting. It's a bird's-eye view of the Pennsylvania Station in New York City.

LOCAL BOXING.

THE SECOND TOURNAMENT.

On Tuesday next the Hongkong Boxing Association stage the second tournament of the season at the Theatre Royal and, as was the case at the first, a splendid programme has been arranged.

Main interest, of course, centres in the return contest between Jim Cartledge, R.N., and Matty Smith for the lightweight championship of the Colony. When the pair met on November 15th last, Cartledge took the verdict on points, and public opinion is to the effect that he will again win, and thus make the Lightweight Belt his own property. The Naval man, we know, is always in strict training, but the Smith he is meeting on Tuesday is, in condition, a different and a fitter customer than he was in November. Matty, it may be remembered, had only a fortnight in which to train before taking the ring last month but, despite reports of his unpreparedness, he managed to survive the fifteen rounds. Since then he has been in proper training, and has every confidence of reversing the last decision. Cartledge, for his part, is it should be added, also confident that he will win the fight.

There are five other contests, all promising good fights. Perhaps the most interesting is what happens to be the season's first heavyweight go. In this, over ten rounds, Stoker Booth, of H.M.S. Hollyhock, meets Ldg. Seaman Francis, of H.M.S. Titania. The former possesses a tidy wallop, according to his list of k.o. victories. He was the heavyweight champion of the South African Station in 1921 and has victories over a number of good men. His opponent, Francis, won the Navy Marines heaves in 1922 and was runner-up in the I.S.B.A. championships one year.

The six-round fight between Stoker P. O. Young, of H.M.S. Diomedes, and Pte. Eaton, 1st F. Surveys, is a return contest. In November, a game display gave the soldier the victory on points. Young is a tearing fighter and his opponent, more of the "clay" order, who has always pleased local fans.

Another well known and popular Surrey scrapper will be on show in the person of Pandaman Wareham, who nets Signalmen Rogers, of the Stonecutters Wireless Station, over six rounds at the lightweight poundage. It is anticipated that Wareham will have a stiffer proposition to beat the Signalmen than he had when he met L. S. Wrigley in November. Rogers, last year, won ten rounds with Jim Cartledge in a Plot Championship final and only just lost on points. He was Featherweight Champion of the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets in 1921.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

NECESSARY TO WAIT AND SEE.

London, Dec. 17.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Mr. Auston Chamberlain said the Government was anxious to do its utmost to suppress the opium trade, but account must be taken of the serious practical difficulties.

The situation created by certain proposals submitted at the Geneva Conference was now being discussed. Mr. Thomson suggested that Britain should give the lead in the matter, and Mr. Chamberlain replied that he thought it better not to say more until the Government had an opportunity of consulting their representatives at Geneva. The whole subject was very difficult, as he knew, because the assistance of the Council of the League of Nations had been invoked in the matter. —Reuter.

BREAKING UP.

Geneva, Dec. 17.

After a breezy discussion by the special sub-committee, none of the opium-producing States was able to agree with the American proposal to limit the production to medical and scientific requirements, as at present drafted.

A report to this effect will be submitted to the Plenary conference in January.

The other sub-committees have practically concluded their labours, and the delegates are departing. —Reuter.

There is one other lightweight contest, between Stoker Lee, of H.M.S. Hawkins, and Telegraphist Emmerson, of H.M.S. Marazion. The former is a good man and scraps to the last second. Emmerson, too, is no novice. He won the Chatham Port Divisional Championship in 1922 and was runner-up in the recent amateur championships in Hongkong. He, like Cartledge, claims never to have been knocked out.

The other fight is a welter affair between A.B. Campbell of H.M.S. Titania and Pte. Barber, of the Surveys. Campbell is not very well known here, but Barber has appeared often, and has always given a good show.

The contests, so far as the naval participants are concerned, are subject to official approval, and a China Fleet Order just issued concerning ratings boxing ashore, but it is confidently anticipated that all contests will take place as arranged.

Bookings for the tournament are already on the heavy side, and early application for tickets is advised in order to obviate the disappointment occasioned by many in connection with the November tournament.

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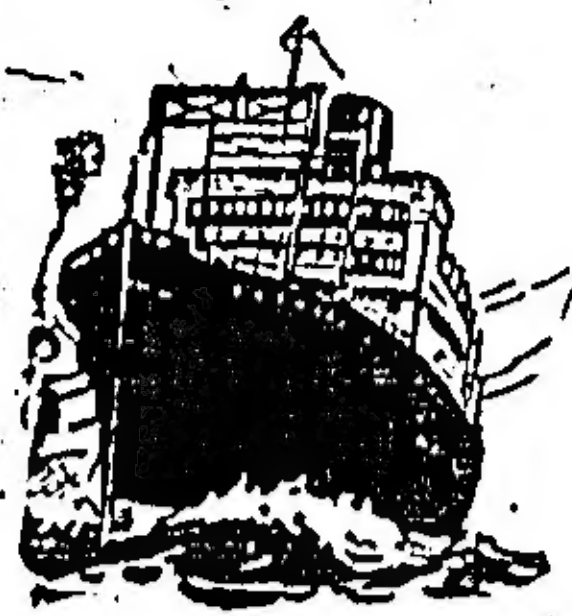
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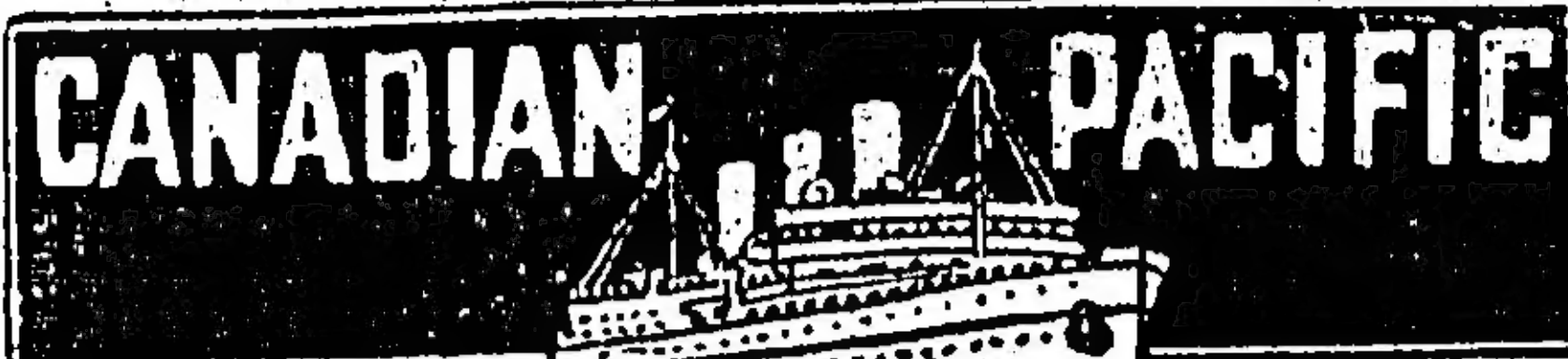
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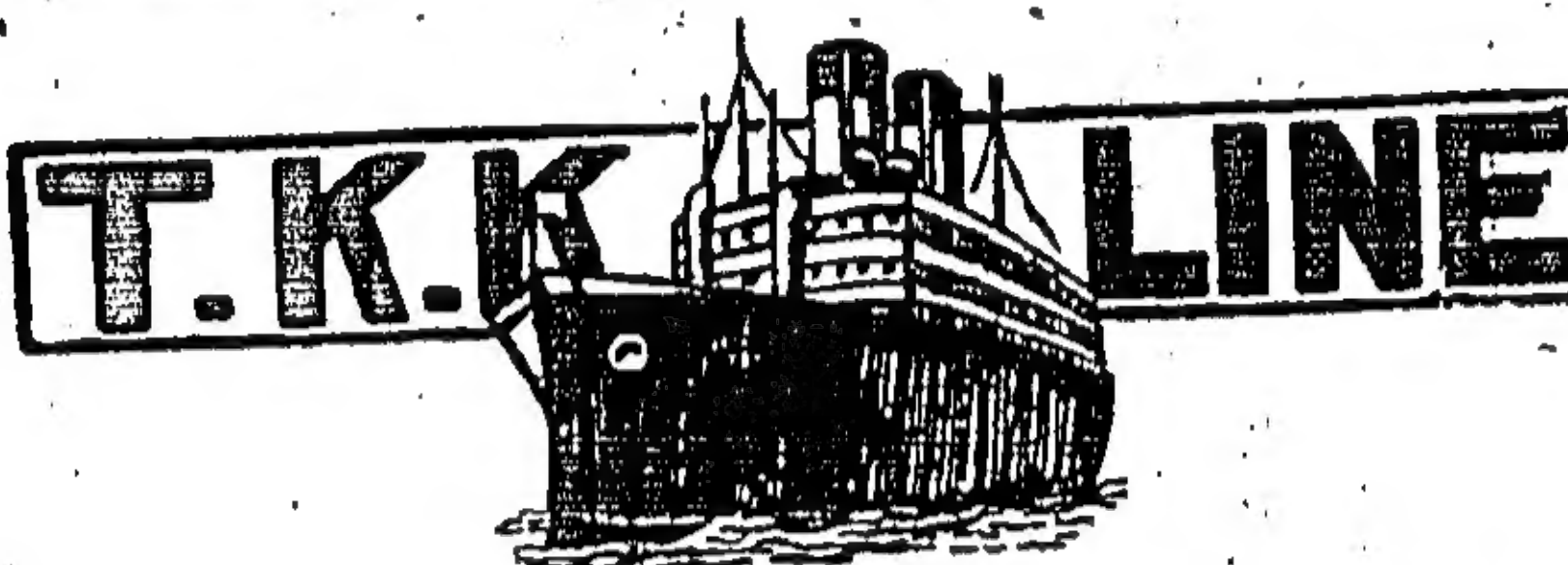
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Governor General Wood has consented to act as honorary president while the chairman, who corresponds to the president in order organizations, is Brigadier General McCoy. Thomas Harrington, British Consul General to Manila, is the vice-chairman and Vice-Governor Gilmore is the second vice-chairman. L. J. Francisco is the secretary-treasurer.

The new branch was brought into being at a meeting held at the offices of the Governor General recently, when a large number of both Americans and Britishers interested in the project were present. Governor General Wood, the officers and others all expressed a keen interest in the movement and made known their willingness to exert much effort to make the Manila branch of the Union one of the most active of the entire organization. The Governor General declared it an organization of much importance for the promotion of universal peace and promised his full-fledged support to the move.

A SLIP.

The Associated Press—the great news-collecting agency to which American papers are indebted for much of their information about what is happening in Europe—has come a cropper over its announcement of the award of the Filene Peace Prize of 100,000 francs offered to French competitors. It reported that the successful candidate was a "watchman in one of the numerous Paris normal schools. It seemed surprising that anyone following such an occupation should win a distinction requiring an expert knowledge of international law and politics. And it turns out that the prize-winner actually holds the office of "surveillant general"—i.e., supervisor of studies in the Ecole Normale Supérieure, a special graduate school for advanced studies.

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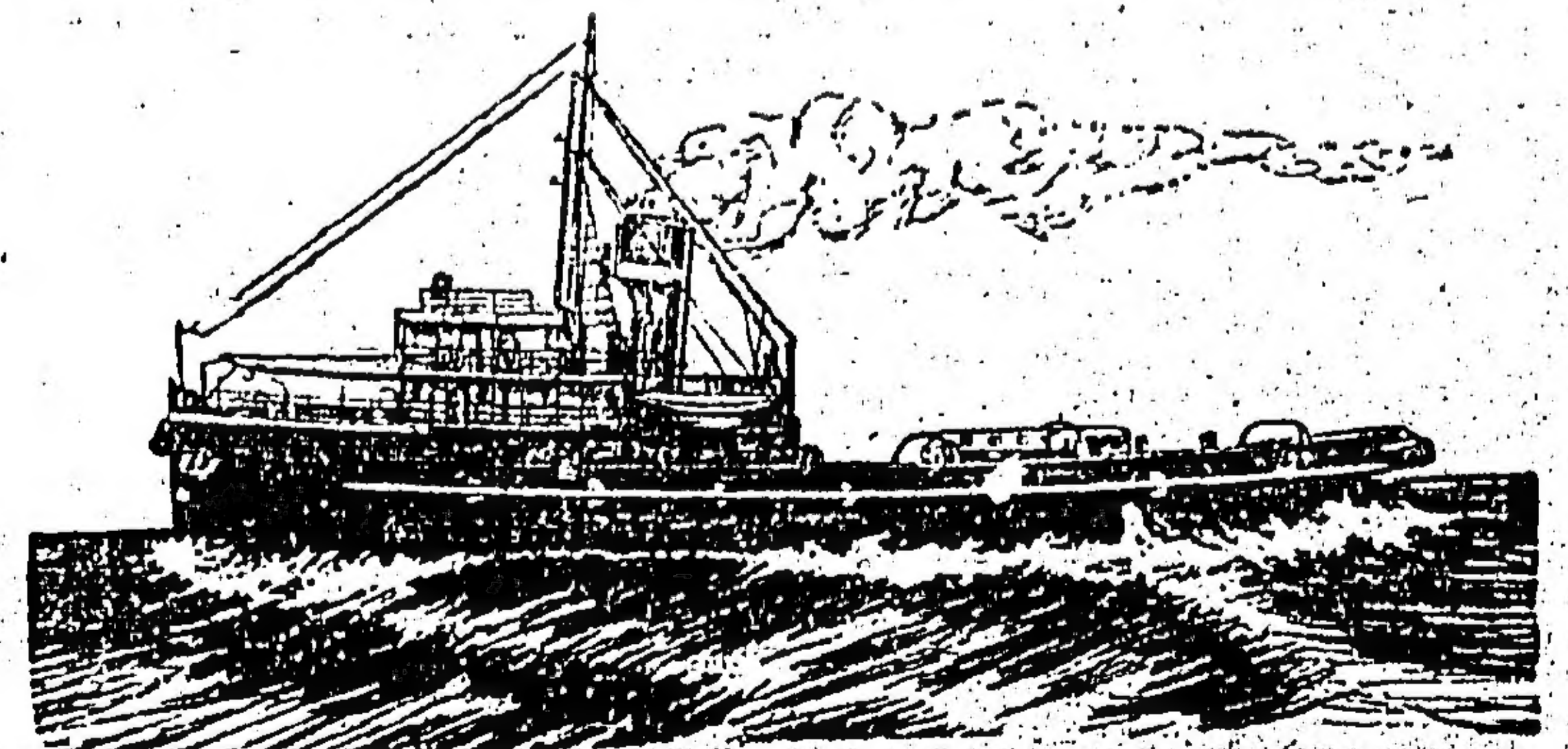
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